

California Gold Rush

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Information Sheet

- Sacramento Valley, in 1848, James Marshall found morsels of gold in a Californian Stream. Finding this sparked the gold rush. Population went from less than 1,000 to 100,000. When the decade ended (1850), the population was at 380,000
- Most of the gold was found at Sutter's Creek.
- The first migrants to arrive in California for the gold arrived by boat. They were from Oregon, "the Sandwich Islands" (Hawaii), Mexico, Chile, Peru, and China.

Pictures of the Gold Rush



California



Westward Expansion

People from all over the world began to travel to California in search of gold. The people settled there and began to create villages and towns. However when the gold ran out, the towns were abandoned, becoming ghost towns.

Manifest Destiny

Because the population bloomed, people went from rags to riches, making people have more power than they did before. This caused a wider variety of goods and the abundance of land, people began to travel throughout California looking for these new lands.